



**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: **Meade et al.** Art Unit No.: **1636**  
Application No.: **09/688,254** Examiner: **Celine X. Qian**  
Filed: **October 13, 2000**  
For: **METHOD FOR PRODUCING A PROTEIN IN A TRANSGENIC ANIMAL**  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir/Madam:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Examiner's substantive comments made in the Office Action dated June 10, 2004 and in further response to the statutory requirements after a Notice of Appeal was timely filed on May 26, 2004 in connection with the above identified application. A response to the above Notice of Appeal was due July 26, 2004. With appropriate extensions, five months, this Amendment was timely filed before December 26, 2004.

In response to the Office Actions listed above, and prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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